

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A rod hanger adapter selectively mounted to an associated cabinet, the rod hanger adapter comprising:

a first wall comprising an opening for mounting the rod hanger adapter to a wall of said associated cabinet, said opening comprising a linear upper edge; and,

a second wall spaced from and at least substantially parallel to the first wall, wherein the second wall includes a slot for receiving an associated rod, said second wall being connected to said first wall; and,

a third wall connecting said first wall to said second wall, said third wall substantially perpendicular to said first and second walls, wherein said slot formed in said second wall extends into said third wall.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger adapter of claim 2 1, further comprising a fourth wall spaced from and substantially parallel to said second wall, and a fifth wall connecting said second and fourth wall.

4. (Original) The rod hanger adapter of claim 1, wherein a longitudinal axis of the opening is aligned with a longitudinal axis of the slot.

5. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger adapter of claim 1, wherein a longitudinal axis of the opening is offset from a longitudinal axis of the slot.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The rod hanger adapter of claim 3, wherein the fourth wall includes a notch having a linear upper edge.

8. (Original) The rod hanger adapter of claim 7, wherein the notch is formed in a lower edge of said fourth wall.

9. (Original) The rod hanger adapter of claim 8, wherein a longitudinal axis of the notch is aligned with a longitudinal axis of the opening.

10. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger adapter of claim 9, wherein a longitudinal axis of the notch is offset from a longitudinal axis of the slot.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger adapter of claim 1, wherein the slot comprises a rounded lower edge.

13. (Original) The rod hanger adapter of claim 1, wherein the adapter is formed from a single piece of metal.

14. (Withdrawn) A method for selectively hanging a rod in a cabinet, wherein the cabinet includes lances on side walls thereof, the method comprising:

mounting a first rod hanger adapter comprising an opening in a wall of said adapter to a first side wall of the cabinet by placing one of the lances through the opening such that the first rod hanger adapter hangs from and supported by the lance;

mounting a second rod hanger adapter comprising an opening in a wall of said second adapter to a second side wall of the cabinet opposite the first side wall by placing another one of the lances through the opening such that the second rod hanger adapter hangs from and is supported by the lance; and

placing a rod in the slots of the first and second rod hanger adapters, said slots being aligned with each other along a common longitudinal axis.

15. (Currently Amended) A rod hanger adapter for selective mounting to a cabinet, the rod hanger adapter comprising:

a first wall including an opening for mounting the rod hanger adapter to a wall of an associated cabinet, said opening being substantially square-shaped;

a second wall spaced from and at least substantially parallel to the first wall, wherein the second wall includes a slot for receiving an associated rod;

a third wall spaced from and at least substantially parallel to the second wall;

a fourth wall interconnecting the first wall to the second wall, wherein the slot in the second wall extends into the fourth wall; and

a fifth wall interconnecting the second wall to the third wall.

16. (New) The rod hanger adapter of claim 15, wherein a longitudinal axis of the opening is aligned with a longitudinal axis of the slot.

17. (New) The rod hanger adapter of claim 15, wherein the fourth wall includes a notch having a linear upper edge.

18. (New) The rod hanger adapter of claim 17, wherein the notch is formed in a lower edge of said fourth wall.

19. (New) The rod hanger adapter of claim 18, wherein a longitudinal axis of the notch is aligned with a longitudinal axis of the opening.

20. (New) The rod hanger adapter of claim 15, wherein the slot comprises a rounded lower edge.

21. (New) A rod hanger adapter in combination with a cabinet assembly, said cabinet assembly comprising a pair of lances extending from an inside wall of said cabinet, said rod hanger adapter comprising:

a first wall having an opening therein having a linear upper edge for receiving one of said lances; and,

a second wall spaced from said first wall having an opening having a linear upper edge for receiving another of said lances, and a third wall connecting said first and second walls wherein said second wall comprises a slot for receiving an associated rod.

22. (New) The rod hanger adapter of claim 21, further comprising a fourth wall interconnecting said first wall to said second wall, wherein said fourth wall includes a notch having a linear upper edge.

23. (New) The rod hanger adapter of claim 22, wherein the notch is formed in a lower edge of said fourth wall.

24. (New) The rod hanger adapter of claim 23, wherein a longitudinal axis of the notch is aligned with a longitudinal axis of the opening.

25. (New) The rod hanger adapter of claim 21, wherein the slot formed in the second wall extends into the third wall.